

Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

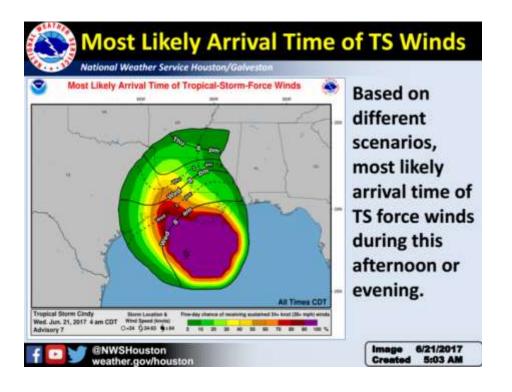
Event Name	17-0018 Tropical Storm Cindy			
Date	Wednesday, June 21, 2017			
Time	12:00 Noon			
Operational Period	0800, June 20th – 12:00 Noon, June 21st			
Report Number	1			

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDC's Active	DDC 14 Lufkin, DDC 15 Beaumont, DDC 16B Texas City

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Tropical Storm Cindy has sustained winds of 60 mph as it moves across the Gulf of Mexico. Landfall projections bring it to the state line by early Thursday morning. The estimated minimum central pressure is 996 mb. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 275 miles (445 km) from the storm center.





The strength of Tropical Storm Cindy has remained unchanged overnight. Cindy will move northwest across the northwest Gulf of Mexico and is expected to bring tropical storm conditions to portions of the upper Texas Coast by early Wednesday evening. Heavy rainfall is expected to be the main threat near and east of a Galveston to Houston to Livingston line. Minor coastal flooding impacts could occur on the Bolivar Peninsula. Minor wind impacts are expected, such as isolated to scattered power outages, especially along the immediate coast. Areas of rain with embedded heavier rain bands will continue to spread westward throughout today. The primary risks with these rain bands will be heavy rainfall and possible localized flooding, as well as a few isolated tornadoes.

The National Weather Service has issued Tropical Storm Warnings in effect for the eastern Texas Coast, from San Luis Pass to the Texas-Louisiana border affecting Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Jefferson Counties. Additional Tropical Storm Warnings have been issued for inland areas due to expected heavy rainfall affecting Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Liberty, Newton, Tyler, and Orange Counties. Tropical Storm Cindy is expected to make landfall with winds at 50 mph on Thursday morning, June 22nd. Tropical Storm winds and elevated seas will begin Wednesday morning.

The main concern for impact will be heavy rain east of the storm track. Heavy rainfall could produce life-threatening flash flooding across portions of the northern Gulf Coast.

Coastal flood advisories for Brazoria County warn tide levels could reach 3.3 feet at high tide. Elevated tides could flood portions of the blue water highway and wave run up will reach the dunes.

In preparation for potential impacts from Tropical Storm Cindy, the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) increased its readiness from Level IV (Normal Conditions) to Level III (Increased Readiness) at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21st, 2017.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Houston, Trinity, San Jacinto, Polk, Tyler, Angelina, Nacogdoches, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine, Jasper and Newton Counties)

- Newton County has issued a local declaration of disaster.
- A request for 20,000 unfilled sandbags was submitted to the State Operations Center and filled.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Jefferson, Hardin and Orange Counties)

- DDC 15: Activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- The Sabine Pass has been closed to deep draft traffic in the area waterways.
- Hardin County EOC: Activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Jefferson County EOC is activated at Level III (Increased Readiness)
- Orange County EOC: Activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). Orange County will
 close government offices at 1200 (noon) June 21st. They may re-open on Friday June 23rd
- City of Orange is activated to level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Lamar University has activated their Incident Command Structure. The Campus will be closed Wednesday, June 21^{st. L}amar University has closed for Thursday 6/21/17
- City of Beaumont EOC is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).
- City of Orange is activated to level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes: Harris and Chambers Counties)

- Harris County EOC: Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- City of Houston EOC: Monitoring at Level IV (Normal Conditions)
- Chambers County EOC: Monitoring at Level IV (Normal Conditions)

DDC 16 – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

- Galveston County EOC: Activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). A Voluntary Evacuation has been issued for Bolivar Peninsula. A local declaration of disaster has been issued by Galveston County due to an imminent threat.
- City of Galveston EOC: Activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Brazoria County EOC: Monitoring at Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11/23, 12, 17, and 18)

DDC 17 - Victoria (Includes: Gonzales, DeWitt, Lavaca, Goliad, Jackson, Victoria and Calhoun Counties)

• DDC 17: Monitoring at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Number of Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Texas Task Force 1 (TXTF1) Swift Water Boat Squads	4		Activated	Orange and Galveston Counties
Texas Military Department (TMD) High Profile Vehicle Squad	2		Activated	Galveston County
Department of State health Services (DSHS) Emergency Medical Task Force	1		Standby	
TMD Texas Military Forces Aircraft			Standby	

Responding Agencies:

- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): Preparing for emergency response efforts and additional troopers as needed.
- **Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT):** Display preparedness information on dynamic message boards in the Galveston, Beaumont, and Port Arthur areas.
- Texas Military Department (TMD): Activated two ground transportation packages (high profile vehicles). Aircraft have been placed on standby to support local and State response efforts
- Texas Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): Activated four swift water boat squads to support local and State response efforts.
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Preparing for emergency response efforts.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Providing Game Wardens and search and rescue teams in the Southeast Texas area.

- **Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** Preparing for emergency response efforts and identifying staffing requirements for incident management teams if they are needed.
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTFs) on standby to support local and State response efforts.
- **Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC):** Monitoring status of utility outages and coordinating information sharing with utility providers.
- American Red Cross (ARC): Emergency shelter and feeding teams on standby to support local and State response efforts.
- The Salvation Army (TSA): Feeding teams on standby to support local and State response efforts.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is currently at Level III (Increased Readiness). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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